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SUBJECT: MEETING OF EXPERTS ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH MEL'NIKOV OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE JANUARY 28 TO ADVISE CONTENTS REFTEL AND DELIVER INFORMATION MATERIALS FORWARDED BY TREASURY DEPARTMENT. MEL'NIKOV EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR LIST US DELEGATES AND MATERIALS AND STATED THAT DEPUTY MINISTER FOREIGN TRADE MANZHULO WOULD HEAD SOVIET GROUP. ACCORDING MEL'NIKOV NAMES OTHER SOVIET DELEGATES NOT FIRM YET BUT HE EXPECTS BE ABLE PROVIDE TO EMBASSY NEXT WEEK.

2. SOVIET SIDE AGREEABLE TO COMBINING FEBRUARY 12 MEETINGS INTO ONE AFTERNOON SESSION AT ABOUT 1330 HOURS. MEL'NIKOV AGREED TO DISTRIBUTE US INFORMATION MATERIALS TO SOVIET GROUP AND WILL TRY TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH SEVERAL COPIES OF SOVIET MATERIALS PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 11 IN ORDER GIVE US DELEGATES OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK OVER BEFORE MEETINGS.

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3. MEL' NIKOV, AS EXPECTED, POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET

SIDE WOULD PREFER TO CONCLUDE MEETINGS FRIDAY AFTER-  
NOON AND NOT HAVE SESSIONS ON SATURDAY. TO AVOID  
INTERRUPTION WEEKEND MEL'NIKOV SAID SOVIETS WOULD  
PREFER QUOTE MAKE STAKHANOVITE EFFORT UNQUOTE  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AND SIGN WHATEVER DOCUMENTS ARE  
FORTHCOMING AT CONCLUSION FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.  
HE DID NOT RULE OUT FURTHER MEETINGS OF TECHNICAL  
SPECIALISTS IF NECESSARY ON SATURDAY, BUT SAID SOVIET  
SIDE DOUBTED THIS WOULD BE NEEDED IN VIEW OF ORGANI-  
ZATIONAL NATURE OF FIRST MEETING.

4. WITH REGARD TO PRESENTATIONS ON AGRUCULTURAL  
DEVELOPMENTS LISTED IN PROPOSED TALKING  
POINTS, MEL'NIKOV STATED THAT SOVIET SIDE DOES  
NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDER EXPERTS MEETING PROPER FORUM  
FOR DISCUSSION THIS SOUBJECT. MEL'NIKOV EMPHASIZED  
THAT MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH HIGHER LEVELS  
FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY AND THAT SOVIETS WOULD  
DEFINITELY NOT PRESENT ANY INFORMATION ON AGRICULTURE.  
SOVIETS FEEL SEPARATE AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE  
ADEQUATELY COVERS THIS AREA. IN REPLY TO EMBOFF  
QUESTION AS TO WHETHER SOVIET SIDE WOULD OBJECT TO  
US PRESENTATION ON THIS SUBJECT MEL'NIKOV SAID HE  
WOULD HAVE TO REFER MATTER TO HIS SUPERIORS (I.E.  
ZINOVIEV) TO OBTAIN GUIDANCE.

5. WITH REGARD TO CONTENTS SOVIET PRESENTATION,  
MEL'NIKOV STATED THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE PRIMARLILY  
IN CONTEXT 1975 PLANS. NEXT FIVE-YEAR PLAN NOT YET  
APPROVED AND THUS ONLY VERY PRELINIMARY IN-  
FORMATION IS AVAILABLE. ACCORDING MEL'NIKOV SUBJECT  
WAS DISCUSSED DURING SECRETARY SINON'S OCTOBER 1974  
MOSCOW VISIT AND SOVIETS UNDERSTOOD US SIDE WOULD  
ALSO GENERALLY PRESENT DATA FOR 1975. SOVIETS FEEL  
THAT SINCE THIS IS FIRST MEETING OF GROUP MUCH TIME  
WILL OF NECESSITY BE TAKEN UP WITH ORGANIZATION AND  
PROCEDURAL MATTERS. MEL'NIKOV SAID THERE WILL PRO-  
BABLY BE SOMEONE FROM THE STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(GOSPLAN) ON THE SOVIET DELEGATION.

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6. SEPTTEL COVERS QUESTIONS ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL

7. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING  
ADVISED IF US GROUP PLANS ALTER PROPOSED PRESENTATION  
ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN VIEW STATED SOVIET  
ATTITUDE ON MATTER.  
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